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### **SBA and Sam's Club To Host Veterans Small Business Matchmaking Conferences This Fall in San Antonio and Sacramento**

#### ***On-Site Matchmaking Sessions Will Highlight the Contracting Process With Private and Federal Government Contracting Officers And Procurement Officials***

**WHAT:** Several hundred veteran-owned small businesses are expected to attend and participate in on-site Veterans Small Business Matchmaking Conferences scheduled this fall in San Antonio, Texas and Sacramento, Calif.

The conferences will educate veterans about federal contracting through a series of workshops, and introduce veteran small business owners to private and government procurement officials in a matchmaking setting.

The government spends nearly \$78 billion each year purchasing goods from small businesses. Veterans, who own about 15 percent of small businesses nationwide, have served the country ably, and often have excellent business skills that carry over from military experience.

**WHO:** SBA Administrator Steven Preston, Sam's Club senior executives, and others to be announced, will speak at the conferences.  
GSA Administrator Lurita Doan has been invited to speak.

**WHEN:** **Monday - - October 29, 2007 (San Antonio, Texas)**  
**Friday - - November 9, 2007 (Sacramento, California)**

<b>WHERE:</b>	San Antonio Event . . .	Sacramento Event . . .
	Hilton San Antonio Airport	Hilton Sacramento Arden West
	611 Northwest Loop 410	2200 Harvard Street
	San Antonio, TX 78216	Sacramento, CA 95815
	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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